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Reply to the Attn: Office of Chief Counsel

TO: Distribution

FROM: Marleen Phillips

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the
STS-122 Pre-Launch Reception sponsored by Jacobs Technology Inc.

In accordance with 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2) and (3), I make the following determination:

NASA invitees, accompanied by their spouse or a guest, may attend the STS-122 Pre-Launch Reception sponsored by Jacobs Technology Inc., (Jacobs) to be held at the Doubletree Hotel, Cocoa Beach, Florida, on or about Wednesday, December 5, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is to be held in conjunction with the launch of STS-122, at the Kennedy Space Center.

This event will be a widely-attended gathering of approximately 211 representatives of government, the aerospace industry and the community. Hors d'oeuvres will be served at a cost of approximately \$10 per person. I find that the reception meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 635.204(g)(2). I have determined that free attendance at the above mentioned reception is in the interest of the agency because it will further agency programs and operations.

Accordingly, NASA employees that have been invited to attend may accept free attendance at the event. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests. NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect Jacobs, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i), regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

Questions about this determination may be addressed to the undersigned at 228-688-1587.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marleen Phillips".

Marleen Phillips
Acting Chief Counsel